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SUBJECT: JUNE 24 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 24, 1977

1. PRESS MISREPRESENTS SOVIET BELGRADE STATEMENT

AMBASSADOR SHERER LABELS AS ERRONEOUS WIRE SERVICE REPORTS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE THREATENED TO BREAK UP THE CSCE CONFERENCE IF THE AGENDA IS NOT TO THEIR LIKING. THE AMBASSADOR OBSERVES THAT THE PRESS, FRUSTRATED BY THE LACK OF DRAMA AND CONFUSED BY CSCE'S TECHNICALITIES, HAS A TENDENCY TO SEIZE ON ISOLATED EVENTS AND BLOW THEM OUT OF PROPORTION. (BELGRADE 4253, CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ECEVIT'S CABINET

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EMBASSY ANKARA REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT HAS CHOSEN A CABINET DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE CONTROVERSY, WITH A VIEW TOWARD MAKING SOME CHANGES SHOULD HIS GOVERNMENT SURVIVE THE COMING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE VOTE WILL BE VERY CLOSE. (ANKARA 4833, CONFIDENTIAL)

3. US-SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN TALKS

EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE STAKED OUT A TOUGH NEGOTIATING POSITION IN THE MEETINGS ON INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATIONS AIMED PRIMARILY AT RESTRICTING OR ELIMINATING THE PRESENCE OF US STRATEGIC FORCES. THE EMBASSY NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN A NON-POLEMICAL TONE, AND PROFESS TO BE READY TO SHOW "FLEXIBILITY" IN THE TALKS. (MOSCOW 9138, SECRET/EXDIS)

4. IMF-JAMAICA NEGOTIATIONS AT IMPASSE

JAMAICA'S MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING HAS TOLD EMBASSY KINGSTON THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE STALLED OVER TWO ISSUES: THE CHARACTER OF TRADE-OFFS BETWEEN INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AND EXCHANGE RATES. JAMAICAN AND IMF OFFICIALS WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK IN AN EFFORT TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK. (KINGSTON 3361, CONFIDENTIAL)

5. DAYAN'S STATEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK

EMBASSY TEL AVIV FINDS NO INCONSISTENCY IN DAYAN'S RECENT STATEMENTS THAT A) THE WEST BANK IS NEGOTIABLE, AND B) ISRAEL OPPOSES JORDANIAN ANNEXATION OF THE WEST BANK. THE EMBASSY POINTS OUT THAT DAYAN FAVORS A "FUNCTIONAL" SECRET

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SOLUTION TO THE WEST BANK PROBLEM IN WHICH ISRAEL WOULD MAINTAIN MILITARY CONTROL, WHILE JORDAN WOULD HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL. (TEL AVIV 4622, CONFIDENTIAL)

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